

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Streamlining and strengthening of AMR-APARD – Re-organizing of existing study centres already established and establishment of new centres – Proposal approved – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 196

Dated:30.6.2009

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.633 PR, RD & Relief (E.VI) Dept., Dt:29-09-94.
2. G.O./Ms.No.489, PR & RD (RD.IV) Dept., Dt:17-12-2008.
3. Commissioner, Lr.No.565/AMR-APARD/Account/2009, Dt:20.6. 2009

ORDER:

In the G.O.s 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government have accorded permission for establishment of (8) study centres in AMR-APARD, Hyd., along with staff.

In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Commissioner, APARD have submitted proposals for reorganizing the existing (8) study centres and for establishing (4) new centres to meet the growing demand for training in the field of PR & RD and to utilize the resources and capabilities of APART effectively. The broad objectives of each centre and major areas of activity are furnished hereunder:

**1. Centre for Financial Management**

- Advise the Government on formulating policies and strategies on strengthening the finances of PRIs
- Developing the skills of PR officials and non officials on implementing sound Accounting and Audit practices
- Design and establish internal controls and strengthening internal audits, for proper Fund management and Fund Tracking

**2. Centre for Decentralized Planning and Administration  
(CDP&A)**

- To Design and implement the Capacity Building Programmes for Elected Representatives and Official functionaries of PRIs
- To act as a think tank for Panchayat Raj Department
- To undertake evaluation studies on various issues related to PRIs
- To form Networks of Panchayats
- To Establish collaborative arrangements with NGO networks working with PRIs
- To conduct certificate courses in decentralized planning

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### **3. Centre for Natural Resource Management**

- To maximize knowledge and build managerial capacities of the PR&RD functionaries in implementing Rural Development schemes
- To initiate and develop models for the improvement and utilization of natural resources
- To enable convergence in implementation of various rural development programmes.
- To conduct certificate course in Integrated Natural Resource Management

### **4. IT & e-GOVERNANCE CELL**

- To impart Computer literacy and Computer skills to the PR&RD functionaries
- Conducting Training Programmes on implementation of e-Panchayat Software at Mandal/ Gram Panchayat Level
- Facilitating Training and Capacity Building of PR functionaries through On-line Audio and Video media
- Hardware and Network support to all Internal Centres, including ETCs
- To serve as a Nerve Centre for I.T. activities by championing and propagating open source software
- Development of software as required by the PR&RD dept.

### **5. Centre for Management of Environment & Disasters (CMED)**

- Imparting training in the field of disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation to the various stakeholders.
- Undertake research, studies, documentation, and development of database etc. in disaster management related aspects and activity.
- Organizing State Level / Regional Conferences / Workshops etc. in Disaster Management related aspects, and
- Actively liaising with the State Departments of Disaster Management which has been entrusted with the nodal responsibility for disaster management in the State.

### **6. Centre for Media and Publication**

- Collect and compile information on Panchayat Raj and rural development issues available in different sources – newspapers, books and journals, and field level reports;

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- Disseminate information using both electronic and print media to the academicians, field functionaries and activists of rural development using both print and electronic media - in the form of books, journals, films etc.
- To act as a resource centre and a clearinghouse of information on rural development in Andhra Pradesh and preserve various publications, research reports, and data apart from journals and other unpublished material.
- Catering to the information needs of various agencies working in Panchayat Raj and rural development.

#### **7. Centre for Women and Child Development (CWCD)**

- The objective of the Centre is women's empowerment and integrated child development
- Capacity building of the various functionaries on Women and Child Development issues
- Imparting Trainings on
  - HIV/AIDS Awareness
  - Health and Nutrition
  - Child Labour
  - SHG Management
  - Tribal Studies
  - Family Welfare Studies
  - GO-NGO Collaboration programmes

#### **8. LAND CELL**

- To provide continuous and comprehensive training to all levels of Revenue Functionaries.
- Upgrading and refining the knowledge, skills and attitudes of officials of Revenue Department
- To promote initiatives and improvements in the system of Revenue Administration.
- To provide leadership and guidance to other training institutes in the districts.
- To undertake, promote and co-ordinate research, case studies in Land Administration Laws.
- To act as State Level Resource Centre on Revenue Laws, Court Judgments, laws in other states and countries on similar issues.
- To continuously enhance the legal knowledge of Revenue Officials and capacity to write judgments / orders.

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### **9. Centre for Social Empowerment & Equity**

- To Secure details of all schemes of the programme earmarked under each department for Special Components Plan and Tribal Plan with all details department wise
- District wise and Mandal wise allocations and the entitlements of beneficiaries
- Monitoring of budget released by Finance Department (Secretariat) and follow up action
- Obtaining regulations governing expenditure issued by respective Heads of Departments and involvement of PR institutions in matters of sanctions, implementation and monitoring
- Visiting every month two districts one for SC Special Component Plan and one for ST Tribal Sub Plan for evaluation of the performance, its impact and general public opinion about benefits derived

### **10. Centre for Management of Rural Infrastructure (CMRI)**

- To conduct training to the PR functionaries on Rural Infrastructure Management
- Assist the PRIs on perspective planning and development
- Develop standards in execution of various civil works in PR institutions
- Development and maintenance of infrastructure in AMR-APARD

### **11. Centre for urban studies**

- To organize and sponsor training courses, workshops and seminars in the following fields
  - a. Urban planning
  - b. Solid waste management
  - c. Urban Rural interface
  - d. Urban poverty
  - e. Water supply and sanitation
  - f. Revenue mobilization and financial management
- To mobilize available expertise in urban affairs and to offer and coordinate technical and constituency services
- Evaluate the social, administrative, financial and other aspects of the implementation of urban development plans and programmes
- To under take research studies on various aspects of urban affairs.

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## **12. Centre for Research and Documentation**

- To collaborate with national level institutions on Training, Research and consulting in the fields of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development.
- Study critical issues in Panchayat Raj and Rural Development by conducting applied and action research.
- To under take empirical studies on specific subjects like decentralized planning, environmental concerns, issues of poverty.
- To conduct monitoring and evaluation studies of various developmental programmes.

Taking into consideration the need for expanding the capabilities of APARD for providing training to various departments relating to rural development and urban development., Govt. after careful examination of the matter hereby approve the proposal of Commissioner, APARD for reorganizing the (8) existing study centres and for establishing (4) new centres.

The Commissioner, AMR-APARD, Hyd., is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Commissioner, AMR-A.P Academy of Rural Development, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

The Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Hyderabad.

The Director, Swami Ramananda Thirtha Rural Institute, Jalalpur (V), Pochampalli (M), Nalgonda District.

The OSD to Minister (RD)

The P.S to Prl. Secy. (RD)

The PR & RD (Genl) Dept.,  
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER.